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1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR LEDWIDGE CALLED ON ME DECEMBER 19 TO PROBE ABOUT RESULTS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST. I TOLD HIM US WAS SATISFIED WITH RESULTS, AND IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD START IN TWO DAYS. WHEN HE PRESSED FOR OUR VIEWS ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS ISRAEL'S BORDERS, DEMILITARIZATION ARRANGEMENTS, AND INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES, I TOLD HIM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH PARTIES HAD DEALT WITH GETTING CONFERENCE STARTED AND HAD GOTTEN NOWHERE NEAR TOPICS LIKE THESE.

2. IN COURSE OF HIS REMARKS LEDWIDGE SAID HE HAD SEEN NO HARD INFORMATION THAT FRENCH ARE TRYING BEHIND SCENES TO ENCOURAGE FORMATION OF A PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, BUT HE SUSPECTED IT MIGHT BE TRUE. HE ADDED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FIRMLY OPPOSED. LEDWIDGE EXHIBITED CONSIDERABLE WORRY THAT ARAB OIL PRODUCING STATES MIGHT NOT START PROCESS OF EASING OIL SUPPLY PROBLEM EARLY ENOUGH IN 1974 TO HELP RELIEVE BRITISH ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, EVEN IF, AS HE HOPED, ISRAEL AND EGYPT REACHED EARLY AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT. I SAID I HAD NOTHING FIRM ON SUBJECT BUT AGREED THERE SEEMED NO GROUNDS FOR OVER-OPTIMISM.

4. HE DRILLED A PRETTY DRY WELL.

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